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TANGOPENDIX REQUIRES AN OPERATION

Rev. Fenton-Smith of Hilo Denounces 'Rag' and Tango as Dangerous

(Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence)

HILO, Dec. 27.—Joining forces with Kaiser William and King George, Rev. Fenton-Smith, the local Episcopalian divine, has announced himself as an opponent of the "rag" dance and the tango. It was during the course of one of his Sunday sermons, a short time ago, that Reverend Fenton-Smith showed how seriously he views the actions of those who indulge in the modern dance steps.

"Among the many ailments of the modernized life is one called 'Ragtimetitis' and it springs from the darkened paths of the lowest class of living beings, stamped with the scarlet letter of shame," declared the minister. "Like a plague it is spreading its evil and baneful influences among all grades of society and it is high time a mighty voice was raised to check this harmful disease of mind and body, if only for the sake of the rising generation," he announced in dramatic earnestness.

Scarcely had the divine concluded this portion of his indictment when there was restless moving among his congregation, and even in his choir, where there were devotees of the "rag" seated, who it is said, could scarcely refrain their desire to defend the new dance until the sermon was completed.

The "rag" is not the only one of the modern dances at which the minister directed his discourse, he talking at length on the tango, or "tangopendix" as he termed it. The personal application of this part of his denunciation was not so near at home, as were his opening remarks, this being one of the new dance fads that has not yet made its initial appearance in Hilo. The minister declared that to cure the "tangopendix" "an operation is necessary."

Speaking of the tango, which he views as an evil malady, he said: "There is another disease, certainly more harmful and dangerous than 'Ragtimetitis' and that is the 'Tangopendix'—nothing but a surgical operation will suffice for this affliction."

The emperor of Germany and the king of England have forbidden the tango in both army and navy circles and many of the best society leaders, at home and abroad, have put it down and out. Once begun with that kind of dancing, the end will not be seen and the tremendous difficulty will arise of not knowing when and where to stop.

"Be wise," he adjured, "and heed the voice of warning; guard the decencies of social life and all will be well and happiness will reign."

In conclusion the minister said that the Son of God was sent into the world to "interfere" with the current of thought and custom of humanity in order that man might be saved. It was evident that the minister realized that some of his parishioners would think that his words were "interference" with their pleasures.

It is announced that one definite result of the sermon, at the least, is the passing out of the order that St. James' hall can no longer be used for dances, so long as the "rag" takes the place of the honored two-step and waltz.

HILO NOTES

(Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence)

HILO, Dec. 27.—Among the arrivals in Hilo on Sunday were Lieut. A. B. Lyman and Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Lyman, who are staying with Mr. and Mrs. J. Reid at Waialae. They visited the volcano for Christmas and the Lyman boys renewed old friendships, though the recent death of Mrs. Henry J. Lyman made their homecoming a sorrowful one.

A Japanese laborer employed at Honouliuli, committed suicide late Thursday evening by throwing himself into the sea off the Honouliuli coast. He had been spending the evening with several friends and towards midnight set off alone for his home, some little distance away. He made no references, as far as can be gathered from those who were in his company that evening, to his impending death, but left them apparently full of good spirits.

A special meeting of the Board of Trade will be held in their rooms in the Masonic building on Tuesday, December 30, at 3 p. m., to give notice of certain proposed amendments to the by-laws; to take some action bearing on the completion of the audit of the books of the County of Hawaii; and to take action on the recommendation of the Mid-Pacific carnival committee regarding the proper representation of Hawaii at the carnival.

Preparations are being made at Kapoho for the quarrying of the rock with which to continue the construction of the breakwater under the contract held by The Breakwater Company. A new quarry site has been selected and tracks are being run from the main line of the Hilo Railroad Company.

Commemorating the thirty-fifth anniversary of Mr. Julian Monsarrat's connection with the firm of Messrs. Brewer & Co., a luau and dance were held at the Kapapala Ranch last Saturday evening, which were attended by a host of Hilo, Waiohinu and Pahala residents, with a few friends from Honolulu.

Ensign C. D. Stiles, of the Salvation Army, severes his connection with Hilo on Monday next, when he will

BOOK TELLS OF LOVE AFFAIR OF GREAT WAR NURSE

'Life of Florence Nightingale' Written by Sir Edward Cook. Interesting Reading

(By Latest Mail)

LONDON.—Messrs. Macmillan have published in two volumes, "The Life of Florence Nightingale," by Sir Edward Cook. By his access to Miss Nightingale's diary and to many lectures to her friends Sir Edward Cook has succeeded in presenting to the world a remarkable study in self-revelation. It appears that in 1850, at the age of 30, Miss Nightingale had definitely abandoned all thoughts of marriage. She wrote on her 30th birthday:

"I am 30, the age at which Christ began His mission. Now, no more childish things, no more vain things, no more love, no more marriage. Now, Lord, let me only think of Thy will."

This renunciation, however, as Sir Edward Cook's biography shows, could not have been altogether easy for her, for in "the stranger," a personage whose identity remains a secret, she had an admirer of whom she was strongly attracted.

"She felt drawn to him," Sir Edward Cook writes, "not by vanity or self-love, but because she admired his talents and because the more she saw of him the greater pleasure did she find in his society. She leaned more and more upon his sympathy. Yet when the proposal first came she refused it; and when it was renewed she persisted."

Her refusal, as we learn from these volumes, was dictated by the highest motives; she regarded herself as destined by Providence to remain single, and she was convinced that by not marrying she could better serve the purposes to which she had resolved to dedicate her life. What she did to ameliorate the conditions of women is well known, but, as her biographer says:

"Perhaps it was the price which she had paid for her ideal that led to what, in later years, some considered a certain hardness in her. When once a woman has devoted her life to the work of nursing, Miss Nightingale had little sympathy with any turning back. She seemed sometimes in such cases to regard marriage as the unpardonable sin."

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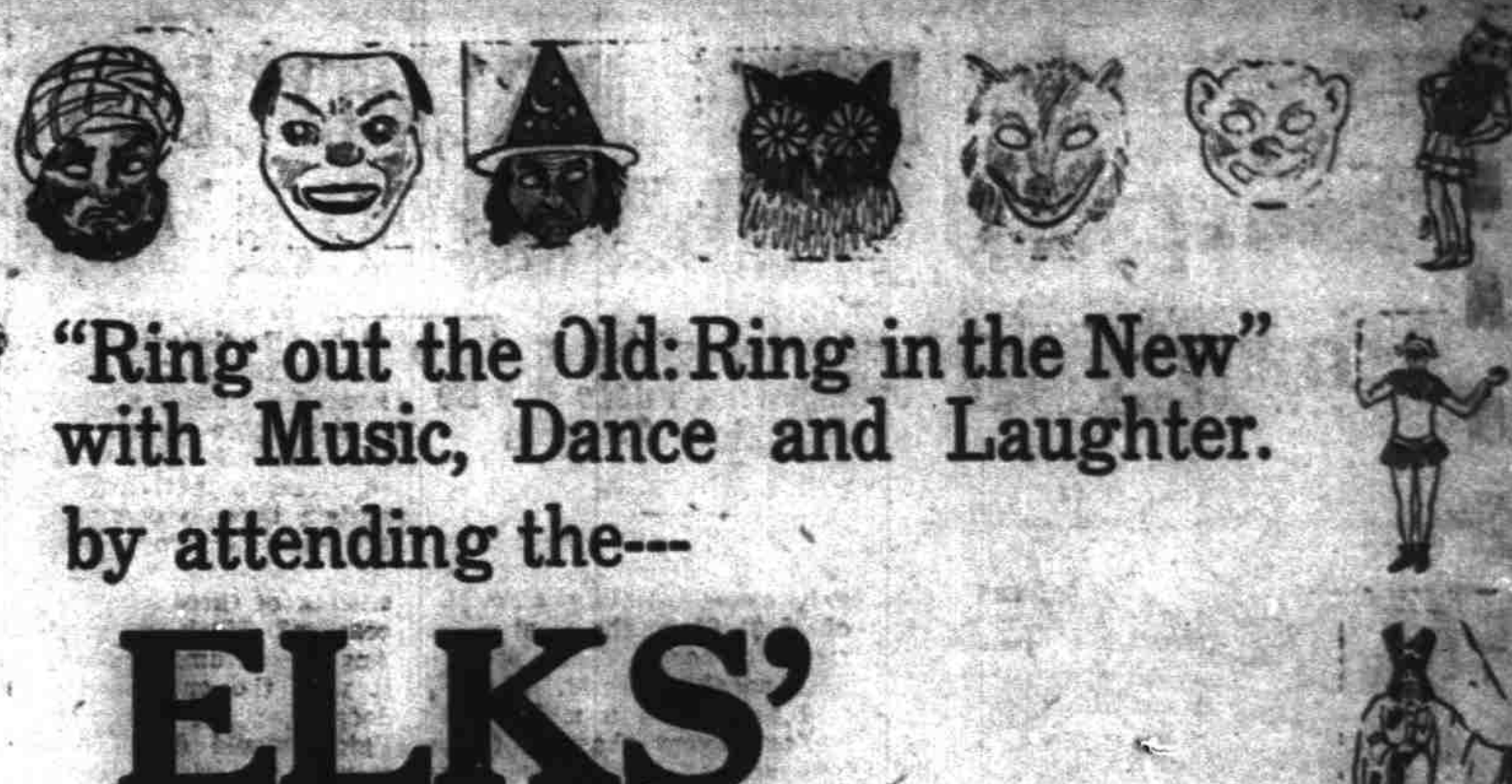
(By Latest Mail)

OTTAWA.—The situation in British Columbia arising out of the decision of Justice Hunter declaring ineffective the restrictions against Hindu immigration is receiving close attention of the government, and has been discussed at different cabinet councils during the week. It is recognized that if a shipload of the Hindus should come in, as is quite possible, both under the judgment of the court and the disposition of the Hindus themselves, rioting might occur and a grave diplomatic problem be precipitated. The government has been in communication on the subject with Sir Richard McBride and some definite action may be anticipated very shortly. Nothing can be finally determined, however, until the text of Justice Hunter's decision is received. It is now on its way to Ottawa.

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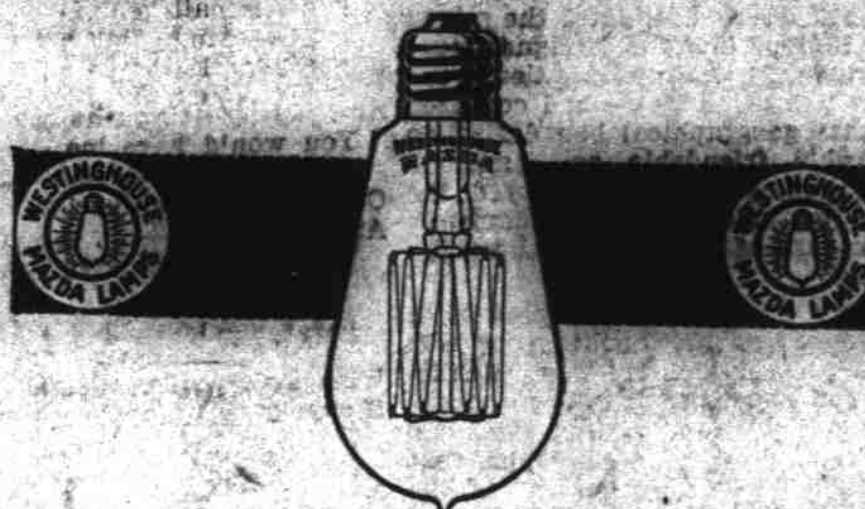
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